

Figs. in MTs

<i>States/UTs</i>	<i>1991 (Jan.-Dec.)</i>
24. Sikkim	7082
25. Tamilnadu	643806
26. Pondicherry	13803
27. Uttar Pradesh	909067
28. Tripura	199942
29. West Bengal	728841
30. Andaman	3696
31. Lakshadweep	249
Total	8277995

**Construction of Earthquake Resistant
Houses in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh**

4758. SHRIMATI SHEELA
GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have
taken decision to build earthquake resistant
houses for the residents of Uttarkashi in
Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for this
purpose;

(c) the amount released to the Govern-
ment of Uttar Pradesh so far; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the

construction of these houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a)
and (b). Constructions of earthquake resis-
tant houses for residents of Uttarkashi in the
Garhwal region is required to be undertaken
by the government of Uttar Pradesh. In the
wake of the October 1991 earthquake ,
Government of India through National Hous-
ing Board/HUDCO has made available loan
assistance of Rs. 30.00 crores for construc-
tion of 20000 house in the affected areas.

(c) An amount of Rs. 14.25 crores has
been released so far to the Government of
Uttar Pradesh.

(d) The Government of India is regularly
reviewing the progress of relief and recon-
struction measures in the affected areas
with the State Government. The State Gov-
ernment has been advised to expedite the
pace of construction of houses.

[English]

Hot Line Between India and China

4759. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed
to set-up a hot line at the border points; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) (a)
yes, Sir.

(b) At the 4th meeting of the India-China
Joint Working Group (JWG) on the boundary
question, held in New Delhi from 20th to 21
February, 1992, India and China agreed to
establish telephone communication links in

the area of the Bumla Pass in the Eastern Sector and the area of the Sponger Gap in the Western Sector to facilitate contacts between the border personnel on each side.

Commercialisation of Oil Palm Plantation

4760. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there Oil palm plantations would be commercialized;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the States where these plantations are likely to be commercialized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) States having potential for commercial development of oil palm are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Gujarat and Goa.

Use of Human Excreta as Manure for Crops

4761. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether human excreta contains higher percentage of Nitrogen than chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some foreign countries use the human excreta to provide Nitrogen to plants;

(d) if so, which are those countries;

(e) whether the Government propose to make use of human excreta of the urban areas to grow crops; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). In countries like China, compost is prepared by mixing garbage (70-80% by weight) and night soil (20-30% by weight) for its use in Agriculture production.

(e) and (f). There is no plan to separately collect human excreta for composting.

Traffic Conditions in Capital

4762. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to improve the traffic conditions in the Capital,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Amongst the various plans and measures to improve traffic conditions in Delhi are (i) development of foot paths for use by cyclist and pedestrians (ii) improvement of the arterial and sub arterial roads; (iii) improvement of bus transport